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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX--APRIL 1993

The Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) rose 0.3 percent before seasonal adjustment in April to a level of 144.0 (1982-84=100), the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported today. For the 12-month period ended in April, the CPI-U increased 3.2 percent.

The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) increased 0.4 percent in April prior to seasonal adjustment. The March 1993 CPI-W level of 141.6 was 3.1 percent higher than the index in April 1992.

CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI-U rose 0.4 percent in April, following an increase of 0.1 percent in March. Six of the seven major expenditure groups advanced more in April than in March. The food index, which increased 0.1 percent in March, advanced 0.4 percent in April, reflecting an upturn in fruit and vegetable prices and a large increase in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. Energy costs, on the other hand, rose less than in March with a decline in the gasoline index partially offsetting a rise in household fuel prices. Excluding food and energy, the CPI-U advanced 0.4 percent in April after increasing 0.1 percent in March. The index for apparel and upkeep, which declined in March, was unchanged in April. Shelter costs rose 0.5 percent in April after registering a 0.1 percent increase in March. These two components accounted for about three-fourths of the acceleration in the index for all items less food and energy.

Table A. Percent changes in CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '93	
	Changes from preceding month								Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '93
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All items	.4	.2	.1	.5	.3	.1	.4	3.7	3.2
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.3	.4	.1	.1	.4	2.3	1.9
Housing	.4	.2	.1	.3	.2	.3	.5	4.1	2.9
Apparel and upkeep	.4	-.1	-.3	.8	1.5	-.5	.0	4.0	2.7
Transportation	.7	.5	.1	.6	.5	.1	.2	2.8	3.4
Medical care	.6	.5	.4	.6	.5	.3	.6	5.4	6.0
Entertainment	.2	.1	.1	.3	.1	.2	.3	2.8	2.3
Other goods and services	.8	.4	.6	.8	.4	.6	.5	6.0	6.7
Special indexes:									
Energy	.5	.2	-.2	.5	-.4	.7	.2	1.9	3.6
Food	.0	.1	.3	.4	.1	.1	.4	2.6	1.8
All items less food and energy	.5	.3	.2	.5	.5	.1	.4	4.1	3.5

During the first four months of 1993 the CPI-U advanced at a 4.3 percent seasonally adjusted annual rate. This compares with a 2.9 percent increase in 1992. Each of the 3 special index groups--food, energy, and all items less food and energy--have contributed to this acceleration.

The food and beverage index rose 0.4 percent in April. Grocery store food prices also advanced 0.4 percent, following a 0.1 percent rise in March. The acceleration in the April index was largely the result of an upturn in the index for fruits and vegetables and a 1.1 percent increase in the index for meats, poultry, fish, and eggs. Beef prices, which rose 0.8 percent in 1992, increased 1.0 percent in April and have advanced 3.6 percent through the first 4 months of 1993. Egg prices rose sharply and the index for fish and seafood turned back up in April. The index for pork increased 0.6 percent, following seasonal adjustment, while poultry prices fell 0.4 percent. Each of these components, however, have risen at a faster rate thus far in 1993 than in 1992. Among other grocery store food groups, the index for cereal and bakery products turned up in April, while the indexes for dairy products and other food at home each declined after registering no change in March. The other two components of the food and beverage index--restaurant meals and alcoholic beverages--each rose 0.2 percent in April.

The housing component increased 0.5 percent in April, following a 0.3 percent rise in March. Shelter costs, which rose 0.1 percent in March, advanced 0.5 percent in April. Within shelter, renters' costs increased 0.6 percent; homeowners' costs, 0.4 percent; and maintenance and repair costs, 0.2 percent. The index for household furnishings and operation also rose more than in March, increasing 0.4 percent in April. The index for household fuels and other utilities, however, rose less than in the preceding month, advancing 0.4 percent in April, following a 1.2 percent rise in March. Advances in each of the major fuel indexes--electricity, natural gas and fuel oil--were less than in March. In addition, the index for other utilities turned down in April, reflecting a 0.5 percent decline in charges for telephone services.

Transportation costs rose 0.2 percent in April, following a 0.1 percent rise in March. Increases in automobile prices were partially offset by declines in the indexes for motor fuels and public transportation. The new car index rose 0.5 percent, its largest increase since February 1991. Partially offsetting this advance was another decline in automobile finance charges--down 0.7 percent in April. These financing costs have risen only once in the past 25 months. The used car index rose 1.2 percent in April and has increased 9.2 percent during the past 12 months. The index for gasoline declined 0.7 percent. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, gasoline prices increased 1.1 percent.) Public transportation costs declined for the second consecutive month, reflecting a 0.7 percent decrease in airline fares. After advancing sharply in the last quarter of 1992 and the first 2 months of 1993, airline fares have fallen in each of the past 2 months.

The index for apparel and upkeep, which declined 0.5 percent in March after registering substantial increases in the first 2 months of the year, was unchanged in April. (Prior to seasonal adjustment, clothing prices rose 0.4 percent in April.) Seasonally adjusted declines for most clothing items were largely offset by a 4.1 percent increase in jewelry prices.

The medical care index, which rose 0.3 percent in March, advanced 0.6 percent in April to a level 6.0 percent above a year ago. The index for medical care commodities--prescription drugs, nonprescription drugs, and medical supplies--declined 0.2 percent. The index for medical care services, however, increased 0.7 percent, with the cost of professional services and hospital and related services up 0.4 and 1.2 percent, respectively.

Entertainment costs increased 0.3 percent in April after rising 0.2 percent in March. Increased fees for most entertainment services and a 1.1 percent rise in prices for newspapers were largely responsible for the April advance.

The index for other goods and services was the only major group to register a smaller increase in April than in March--up 0.5 percent compared with 0.6 percent. A slight decline in prices for personal care items coupled with smaller increases in most other groups were responsible for the slight moderation.

CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

On a seasonally adjusted basis, the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers rose 0.4 percent in April.

Table B. Percent changes in CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted							Compound annual rate 3-mos. ended Apr. '93	Unadjusted 12-mos. ended Apr. '93
	Changes from preceding month								
	1992			1993					
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.		
All items	.4	.2	.1	.4	.4	.2	.4	3.8	3.1
Food and beverages	.1	.1	.3	.2	.2	.1	.3	2.3	1.7
Housing	.4	.2	.1	.3	.1	.3	.5	3.9	2.8
Apparel and upkeep	.3	.1	-.4	.5	1.5	-.4	-.2	3.7	2.3
Transportation	.6	.3	.1	.5	.5	.2	.2	3.2	3.5
Medical care	.5	.5	.5	.6	.5	.4	.5	5.4	6.1
Entertainment	.2	.2	.0	.4	.1	.2	.3	2.3	2.1
Other goods and services	.8	.3	.6	1.1	.4	.6	.5	6.0	6.9
Special indexes:									
Energy	.5	.3	-.2	.5	-.3	.6	.2	1.9	3.5
Food	.1	.1	.3	.3	.2	.1	.4	2.6	1.8
All items less food and energy	.5	.3	.1	.5	.4	.2	.3	3.8	3.4

Consumer Price Index data for May will be released on Tuesday, June 15, 1993, 8:30 A.M. (EDT).

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Brief Explanation of the CPI

The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. The Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes CPIs for two population groups: (1) a CPI for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) which covers approximately 80 percent of the total population and (2) a CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) which covers 32 percent of the total population. The CPI-U includes, in addition to wage earners and clerical workers, groups such as professional, managerial, and technical workers, the self-employed, short-term workers, the unemployed, and retirees and others not in the labor force.

The CPI is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and the other goods and services that people buy for day-to-day living. Prices are collected in 85 urban areas across the country from about 57,000 housing units and approximately 19,000 retail establishments-department stores, supermarkets, hospitals, filling stations, and other types of stores and service establishments. All taxes directly associated with the purchase and use of items are included in the index. Prices of food, fuels and a few other items are obtained every month in all 85 locations. Prices of most other commodities and services are collected every month in the five largest geographic areas and every other month in other areas. Prices of most goods and services are obtained by personal visits of the Bureau's trained representatives. Mail questionnaires are used to obtain public utility rates, some fuel prices, and certain other items.

In calculating the index, price changes for the various items in each location are averaged together with weights which represent their importance in the spending of the appropriate population group. Local data are then combined to obtain a U.S. city average. Separate indexes are also published by size of city, by region of the country, for cross-classifications of regions and population-size classes, and for 29 local areas. Area indexes do not measure differences in the level of prices among cities, they only measure the average change in prices for each area since the base period.

The index measures price change from a designated reference date--1982-84 which equals 100.0. An increase of 16.5 percent, for example, is shown as 116.5. This change can also be expressed in dollars as follows: the price of a base period "market basket" of goods and services in the CPI has risen from \$10 in 1982-84 to \$11.65.

For further details see BLS Handbook of Methods, Chapter 19, the Consumer Price Index, Bulletin 2414, September 1992.

Calculating Index Changes

Movements of the indexes from one month to another are usually expressed as percent changes rather than changes in index points, because index point changes are affected by the level of the index in relation to its base period while percent changes are not. The example below illustrates the computation of index point and percent changes.

Percent changes for 3-month and 6-month periods are expressed as annual rates and are computed according to the standard formula for compound growth rates. These data indicate what the percent change would be if the current rate were maintained for a 12-month period.

Index Point Change

CPI	115.7
Less previous index	111.2
Equals index point change	4.5

Percent Change

Index point difference	4.5
Divided by the previous index	111.2
Equals	0.040
Results multiplied by one hundred	0.040×100
Equals percent change	4.0

A Note on Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

Because price data are used for different purposes by different groups, the Bureau of Labor Statistics publishes seasonally adjusted as well as unadjusted changes each month.

For analyzing general price trends in the economy, seasonally adjusted changes are usually preferred since they eliminate the effect of changes that normally occur at the same time and in about the same magnitude every year--such as price movements resulting from changing climatic conditions, production cycles, model changeovers, holidays, and sales.

The unadjusted data are of primary interest to consumers concerned about the prices they actually pay. Unadjusted data also are used extensively for escalation purposes. Many collective bargaining contract agreements and pension plans, for example, tie compensation changes to the Consumer Price Index unadjusted for seasonal variation.

Seasonal factors used in computing the seasonally adjusted indexes are derived by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. The updated seasonal data at the end of 1977 replaced data from 1967 through 1977. Subsequent annual updates have replaced 5 years of seasonal data, e.g., data from 1988 through 1992 were replaced at the end of 1992. The seasonal movement of all items and 47 other aggregations is derived by combining the seasonal movement of 60 selected components. Each year the seasonal status of every series is reevaluated based upon certain statistical criteria. If any of the 60 components change their seasonal adjustment status from seasonally adjusted to not seasonally adjusted, not seasonally adjusted data will be used for the last 5 years, but the seasonally adjusted indexes will be used before that period.

Effective with the calculation of the seasonal factors for 1990, the Bureau of Labor Statistics has used an enhanced seasonal adjustment procedure called intervention analysis in conjunction with X-11-ARIMA for some CPI series. Intervention analysis allows for better estimates of seasonally adjusted data. Extreme values and/or sharp movements which might distort the seasonal pattern are removed from the data prior to calculation of seasonal factors in X-11-ARIMA.

For the fuel oil and the motor fuels indexes, this procedure was used to offset the effects that extreme price volatility would otherwise have had on the estimates of seasonally adjusted data for those series. For some women's apparel indexes and the girls' apparel index, the procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in pricing methodology; for new cars, new trucks, and new vehicles, this procedure was used to offset the effects of changes in marketing strategies and the introduction of new models. For the tobacco and smoking products index, this procedure was used to offset the effects of increases in excise taxes and wholesale tobacco prices. For some alcoholic beverage series, intervention was used to offset the effects of excise tax increases.

A description of intervention analysis, as well as a list of events treated as interventions and seasonal factors for these items may be obtained by writing the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Division of Consumer Prices and Price Indexes, Washington, DC 20212 or by calling Claire McAnaw on (202) 606-6968.

Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group
(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U	Relative importance, December 1992	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1993 from Apr. 1992		Seasonally adjusted percent change from-		
		Mar. 1993	Apr. 1993	Mar. 1993	Feb. 1993	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
All items	100.000	143.6	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
All items (1967=100)	-	430.1	431.2	-	-	-	-	-
Food and beverages	17.396	140.9	141.4	1.9	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5
Food	15.777	140.1	140.6	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Food at home	9.780	139.4	140.0	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.2	0.6
Cereals and bakery products	1.441	154.6	155.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	2.955	134.5	135.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.3	1.1
Dairy products	1.209	128.8	128.0	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-0.8
Fruits and vegetables	1.839	159.1	160.8	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.8	2.5
Other food at home	2.338	130.2	129.9	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4
Sugar and sweets	0.338	132.8	133.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.2
Fats and oils	0.251	130.2	130.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3
Nonalcoholic beverages	0.716	114.8	114.2	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-0.8
Other prepared food	1.031	143.0	142.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.7
Food away from home	5.997	142.4	142.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Alcoholic beverages	1.620	149.4	149.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Housing	41.404	140.2	140.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Shelter	37.880	135.8	135.0	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.3	-1.1
Renters' costs	7.993	165.7	164.9	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-0.7
Rent, residential	5.801	149.1	149.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6
Other renters' costs	2.192	195.0	195.9	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7
Homeowners' costs	14.583	158.7	159.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7
Owners' equivalent rent	19.363	159.0	159.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
Household insurance	0.280	144.9	145.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Maintenance and repairs	0.204	131.5	131.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Maintenance and repair services	0.125	135.8	134.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.3	-1.0
Maintenance and repair commodities	0.079	125.8	127.7	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.5	3.4
Fuel and other utilities	7.079	119.5	120.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	2.0
Fuels	4.027	108.6	108.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Fuel oil and other household fuel	0.395	92.8	92.6	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (wired)	3.632	115.1	115.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Other utilities and public services	3.253	146.3	146.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Household furnishings and operation	8.243	138.7	139.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7
Housefurnishings	3.644	109.3	109.7	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.6
Housekeeping supplies	1.188	129.9	130.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Housekeeping services	1.482	134.6	135.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Apparel and upkeep	6.005	136.2	136.9	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.2
Apparel commodities	5.440	133.7	134.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	1.0
Men's and boys' apparel	2.422	128.7	129.0	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Women's and girls' apparel	2.458	138.4	138.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.7
Infants and toddlers' apparel	0.160	126.3	126.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Footwear	0.998	125.9	126.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Other apparel commodities	0.548	144.8	144.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-0.6
Apparel services	0.564	150.6	150.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Transportation	17.012	129.0	129.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.1
Private transportation	15.484	126.3	126.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
New vehicles	5.001	132.0	132.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
New cars	4.027	130.9	131.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3
Used cars	1.184	126.6	127.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.2
Motor fuel	3.268	97.3	98.6	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.0	2.3
Gasoline	1.527	97.1	98.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.9	2.0
Maintenance and repairs	4.504	156.3	156.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3
Other private transportation	0.655	103.9	103.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation commodities	0.655	103.9	103.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other private transportation services	0.873	103.9	103.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Public transportation	1.528	166.2	166.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.7
Medical care	6.931	198.6	199.4	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.5	1.3
Medical care commodities	5.283	193.9	193.7	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3
Medical care services	1.648	199.7	200.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.8
Professional medical services	3.298	182.3	183.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.7
Entertainment	4.350	144.8	145.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
Entertainment commodities	3.003	133.1	133.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Entertainment services	1.347	159.0	159.9	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	1.1
Other goods and services	6.902	132.0	132.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.7
Tobacco and smoking products	1.748	140.7	140.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal care	1.187	140.7	140.8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	0.634	138.4	138.1	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-0.4
Personal care services	0.552	142.9	143.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
Personal and educational expenses	3.268	207.8	207.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
School books and supplies	0.247	207.8	207.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Personal and educational services	3.021	207.8	207.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000	143.6	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.4
Commodities	44.095	131.2	131.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Food and beverages	17.396	140.9	141.4	1.9	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.5
Commodities less food and beverages	26.699	129.0	129.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food and beverages	16.119	133.9	133.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Apparel commodities	5.440	133.7	133.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	10.679	129.8	129.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durable goods	10.679	129.8	129.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	27.699	161.0	161.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Rent of shelter	7.993	165.7	164.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.2	-0.7
Household services less rent of shelter	8.905	132.0	132.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.5
Transportation services	4.904	120.7	120.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Medical care services	1.648	200.4	200.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other services	1.884	174.7	174.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.604	144.2	144.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5
All items less shelter	72.720	140.9	140.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less homeowners' costs	80.207	140.9	140.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less medical care	80.207	140.9	140.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Commodities less food	26.699	129.0	129.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food	16.119	133.9	133.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Nondurables less food and apparel	10.679	129.8	129.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Durable goods	10.679	129.8	129.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less rent of shelter	27.699	161.0	161.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services less medical care services	26.051	159.3	159.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Energy	9.279	129.8	129.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
All items less energy	90.721	144.2	144.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5
All items less food and energy	82.604	144.2	144.6	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5
Commodities less food and energy	24.656	135.5	136.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.5	1.2
Energy commodities	2.043	97.0	98.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.8	1.8
Services less energy services	52.427	160.5	160.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982=100	-	6.97	6.95	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
1967=100	-	233	232	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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Table 2. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U): Seasonally adjusted U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

Expenditure category	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	July	1 month	Jan.	Apr.	6 months	Apr.
	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	Oct. 1992	1993	1993	1992	1993
CPI-U										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	3.2	3.4	3.7	2.9	3.6
Food and beverages	140.4	140.6	140.7	140.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Food	139.7	139.9	139.9	139.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Food at home	138.6	138.8	138.8	138.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Cereals and bakery products	135.4	135.4	135.4	135.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	135.4	135.4	135.4	135.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Dairy products	129.5	129.5	129.5	129.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Fruits and vegetables	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other food at home	139.2	139.2	139.2	139.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Sugar and sweets	137.1	137.1	137.1	137.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Fats and oils	136.7	136.7	136.7	136.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Nonalcoholic beverages	137.1	137.1	137.1	137.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other prepared food	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Food away from home	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Alcoholic beverages	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Housing	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Shelter	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Renters' costs	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Rent, residential	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other renters' costs	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Homeowners' costs	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Owners' equivalent rent	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Household insurance	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Maintenance and repairs	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Maintenance and repair services	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Maintenance and repair commodities	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Fuel and other utilities	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Fuels	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Fuel oil and other household fuel	139.3	139.3	139.3	139.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Commodities	89.5	89.5	89.5	89.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other utilities and public services	116.0	116.0	116.0	116.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Household furnishings and operation	108.6	108.6	108.6	108.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Household furnishings	108.6	108.6	108.6	108.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Housekeeping supplies	108.6	108.6	108.6	108.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Housekeeping services	108.6	108.6	108.6	108.6	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel and upkeep	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel commodities	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Men's and boys' apparel	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Women's and girls' apparel	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Footwear	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other apparel commodities	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel services	133.0	133.0	133.0	133.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Transportation	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Private transportation	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
New vehicles	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Used cars	122.3	122.3	122.3	122.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Motor fuel	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Gasoline	101.2	101.2	101.2	101.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Maintenance and repairs	147.2	147.2	147.2	147.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other private transportation	155.5	155.5	155.5	155.5	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other private transportation commodities	105.0	105.0	105.0	105.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other private transportation services	167.2	167.2	167.2	167.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Public transportation	167.2	167.2	167.2	167.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Medical care	196.7	196.7	196.7	196.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Medical care commodities	196.7	196.7	196.7	196.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Medical care services	196.7	196.7	196.7	196.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Professional medical services	196.7	196.7	196.7	196.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Entertainment	144.3	144.3	144.3	144.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Entertainment commodities	144.3	144.3	144.3	144.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Entertainment services	144.3	144.3	144.3	144.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other goods and services	190.9	190.9	190.9	190.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Tobacco and smoking products	190.9	190.9	190.9	190.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Personal care	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	137.7	137.7	137.7	137.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Personal care services	141.9	141.9	141.9	141.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Personal and educational expenses	204.9	204.9	204.9	204.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
School books and supplies	204.9	204.9	204.9	204.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Personal and educational services	204.9	204.9	204.9	204.9	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Commodity and service group										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	3.2	3.4	3.7	2.9	3.6
Commodities	140.4	140.4	140.4	140.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Food and beverages	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Commodities less food and beverages	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Nondurables less food and beverages	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Apparel commodities	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Nondurables less food, beverages, and apparel	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Durables	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Services	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Rent of shelter	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Household services less rent	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Transportation services	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Medical care services	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Other services	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Special indexes										
All items less food	143.3	143.3	143.3	143.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
All items less shelter	143.3	143.3	143.3	143.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
All items less homeowners' costs	143.3	143.3	143.3	143.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
All items less medical care	143.3	143.3	143.3	143.3	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Commodities less food	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Nondurables less food	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Nondurables less food and apparel	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Nondurables	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Services less rent of shelter	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Services less medical care services	139.7	139.7	139.7	139.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Energy	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
All items less food and energy	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Commodities less food and energy	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Energy commodities	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Services less energy services	140.0	140.0	140.0	140.0	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
2/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 3. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Selected areas, all items index
(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-U Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 1993 from-			Percent change to Mar. 1993 from-		
		Jan. 1993	Feb. 1993	Mar. 1993	Apr. 1993	Apr. 1993	Feb. 1993	Mar. 1993	Mar. 1993	Jan. 1993	Feb. 1993
U.S. city average	M	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	3.2	0.6	0.3	3.1	0.7	0.3
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban	M	145.9	146.2	146.5	146.8	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Size A - More than 1,000,000	M	145.9	146.2	146.5	146.8	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Size B - 100,000 to 1,000,000	M	145.9	146.2	146.5	146.8	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Size C - 50,000 to 100,000	M	145.9	146.2	146.5	146.8	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
North Central urban	M	138.1	138.4	138.7	139.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Size A - More than 1,000,000	M	138.1	138.4	138.7	139.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Size B - 100,000 to 1,000,000	M	138.1	138.4	138.7	139.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Size C - 50,000 to 100,000	M	138.1	138.4	138.7	139.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
South urban	M	133.0	133.4	133.7	134.0	3.5	0.9	0.3	3.4	1.3	0.8
Size A - More than 1,000,000	M	133.0	133.4	133.7	134.0	3.5	0.9	0.3	3.4	1.3	0.8
Size B - 100,000 to 1,000,000	M	133.0	133.4	133.7	134.0	3.5	0.9	0.3	3.4	1.3	0.8
Size C - 50,000 to 100,000	M	133.0	133.4	133.7	134.0	3.5	0.9	0.3	3.4	1.3	0.8
West urban	M	134.4	134.7	135.0	135.3	2.7	0.7	0.5	2.5	0.6	0.3
Size A - More than 1,000,000	M	134.4	134.7	135.0	135.3	2.7	0.7	0.5	2.5	0.6	0.3
Size B - 100,000 to 1,000,000	M	134.4	134.7	135.0	135.3	2.7	0.7	0.5	2.5	0.6	0.3
Size C - 50,000 to 100,000	M	134.4	134.7	135.0	135.3	2.7	0.7	0.5	2.5	0.6	0.3
Size classes											
A 3/	M	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	3.2	0.6	0.3	3.1	0.7	0.3
B	M	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	3.2	0.6	0.3	3.1	0.7	0.3
C	M	142.6	143.1	143.6	144.0	3.2	0.6	0.3	3.1	0.7	0.3
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, CA	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Baltimore, MD	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Boston-Laurens-Salem, MA-NH	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Washington, DC-MD-VA	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Houston-Galveston-Grangeria, TX	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	M	143.1	143.4	143.7	144.0	3.2	0.3	0.3	3.1	0.3	0.3

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

3/ Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater variability than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

Table 4. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group
(1982=84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Relative importance, December 1992	Unadjusted indexes		Unadjusted percent change to Apr. 1993 from		Seasonally adjusted percent change from		
		Mar. 1993	Apr. 1993	Apr. 1992	Mar. 1993	Jan. to Feb.	Feb. to Mar.	Mar. to Apr.
Expenditure category								
All items (1982-84=100)	100.000	141.1	141.6	3.1	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.4
All items (1967=100)		420.4	421.6					
Food and beverages	29.330	140.9	140.9					
Food	27.710	139.9	139.9					
Food at home	20.090	138.5	138.5					
Cereals and bakery products	1.644	138.4	138.4					
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	4.471	138.4	138.4					
Dairy products	3.243	138.4	138.4					
Fruits and vegetables	2.943	138.4	138.4					
Other food at home	1.688	138.4	138.4					
Sugar and sweets	1.380	138.4	138.4					
Fats and oils	1.289	138.4	138.4					
Nonalcoholic beverages	1.803	138.4	138.4					
Other prepared food	1.880	138.4	138.4					
Food away from home	6.620	138.4	138.4					
Alcoholic beverages	1.738	138.4	138.4					
Housing	32.898	137.7	137.7					
Shelter	28.348	137.7	137.7					
Renters' costs	8.039	137.7	137.7					
Rent, residential	6.845	137.7	137.7					
Other renters' costs	1.194	137.7	137.7					
Homeowners' costs	20.309	137.7	137.7					
Owners' equivalent rent	12.259	137.7	137.7					
Household insurance	8.050	137.7	137.7					
Maintenance and repair	1.090	137.7	137.7					
Maintenance and repair services	0.980	137.7	137.7					
Commodities	0.110	137.7	137.7					
Fuel and other utilities	7.087	137.7	137.7					
Fuels	6.117	137.7	137.7					
Fuel oil and other household fuel	0.990	137.7	137.7					
Commodities	0.361	92.7	92.5	3.1	-2	2.3	2.3	3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	3.765	114.6	114.6	3.6	2	1.6	1.6	3
Other utilities and public services	3.390	147.0	146.9	2.9	1	1.6	1.6	3
Household furnishings and operation	1.000	137.7	137.7					
Household furnishings	0.800	137.7	137.7					
Housekeeping supplies	0.200	137.7	137.7					
Housekeeping services	0.200	137.7	137.7					
Apparel and upkeep	6.015	137.7	137.7					
Apparel commodities	5.489	137.7	137.7					
Men's and boys' apparel	1.400	137.7	137.7					
Women's and girls' apparel	3.089	137.7	137.7					
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	1.000	137.7	137.7					
Footwear	0.990	137.7	137.7					
Other apparel commodities	0.010	137.7	137.7					
Apparel services	0.526	137.7	137.7					
Transportation	18.897	137.7	137.7					
Private transportation	17.907	137.7	137.7					
New vehicles	1.000	137.7	137.7					
New cars	0.900	137.7	137.7					
Used cars	0.100	137.7	137.7					
Motor fuel	0.100	137.7	137.7					
Gasoline	0.100	137.7	137.7					
Maintenance and repairs	0.100	137.7	137.7					
Other private transportation	0.100	137.7	137.7					
Other private transportation commodities	0.826	103.2	103.2	1.9	0	1.6	1.6	0
Other private transportation services	0.074	103.2	103.2					
Public transportation	0.990	137.7	137.7					
Medical care	1.000	137.7	137.7					
Medical care commodities	0.888	137.7	137.7					
Medical care services	0.112	137.7	137.7					
Professional medical services	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Entertainment	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Entertainment commodities	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Entertainment services	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Other goods and services	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Tobacco and smoking products	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Personal care	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Personal care services	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Personal and educational expenses	0.000	137.7	137.7					
School books and supplies	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Personal and educational services	0.000	137.7	137.7					
Commodity and service group								
All items	100.000							
Commodities	48.000							
Food and beverages	29.330							
Commodities less food and beverages	18.670							
Non-durables less food and beverages	1.000							
Apparel commodities	5.489							
Non-durables less food, beverages, and apparel	1.311							
Durables	13.381							
Services	51.670							
Rent of shelter	8.039							
Household services less rent of shelter	0.061							
Transportation services	17.907							
Medical care services	0.112							
Other services	33.651							
Special indexes								
All items less food	82.428							
All items less shelter	71.661							
All items less homeowners' costs	78.741							
All items less medical care	98.000							
Commodities less food	50.000							
Non-durables less food	1.000							
Non-durables less food and apparel	1.000							
Non-durables	1.000							
Services less rent of shelter	43.631							
Services less medical care services	51.558							
Energy	0.000							
All items less energy	99.000							
All items less food and energy	72.099							
Commodities less food and energy commodities	34.335							
Energy commodities	0.000							
Services less energy services	48.764							
Purchasing power of the consumer dollar:								
1982-84=100		9.709	9.709	-3.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
1967=81.00		238	237					

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
Indexes on a December 1984=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

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Table 5. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W): U.S. city average, by expenditure category and commodity and service group

(1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W	Seasonally adjusted indexes					Seasonally adjusted annual rate percent change for				
	Jan 1983	Feb 1983	Mar 1983	Apr 1983	Jul 1983	3 months ended- Oct 1983	3 months ended- Jul 1983	3 months ended- Apr 1983	6 months ended- Oct 1983	6 months ended- Apr 1983
Expenditure category										
All items	-	-	-	-	2.6	2.9	3.2	3.8	2.8	3.5
Food and beverages	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Food	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Food at home	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Cereals and bakery products	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Meats, poultry, fish, and eggs	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Dairy products	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Fruits and vegetables	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Other food at home	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Sugar and sweets	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Fats and oils	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Alcoholic beverages	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Food away from home	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Alcoholic beverages	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Housing	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Shelter	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Renters' costs	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Rent, residential	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Other renters' costs	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Homeowners' costs	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Owners' equivalent rent	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Household insurance	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Maintenance and repair	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Maintenance and repair services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Maintenance and repair commodities	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Fuel and other utilities	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Fuels	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Gas (piped) and electricity (energy services)	89.0	89.7	91.8	92.1	12.2	-1.7	-10.5	14.7	5.0	1.3
Other utilities and public services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Household furnishings and operation	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Household furnishings	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Housekeeping supplies	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Housekeeping services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Apparel and upkeep	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Apparel	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Men's and boys' apparel	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Women's and girls' apparel	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Infants' and toddlers' apparel	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Footwear	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Other apparel commodities	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Apparel services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Transportation	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Private transportation	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
New vehicles	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Used cars	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Motor fuel	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Gasoline	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Maintenance and repairs	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Other private transportation	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Other private transportation commodities	104.4	103.8	103.2	103.2	-1.1	.8	1.5	-4.5	1.2	-1.5
Other private transportation services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Public transportation	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Medical care	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Medical care commodities	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Medical care services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Professional medical services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Entertainment	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Entertainment commodities	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Entertainment services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Other goods and services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Tobacco and smoking products	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Personal care	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Toilet goods and personal care appliances	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Personal care services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Personal and educational expenses	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
School books and supplies	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Personal and educational services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Commodity and service group										
All items	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Commodities	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Food and beverages	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Commodities less food and beverages	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Non-durable less food and beverages	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Apparel commodities	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Non-durable less food, beverages, and apparel	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Durable	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Rent of shelter	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Household services less rent of shelter	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Transportation services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Medical care services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Other services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Special indexes										
All items less food	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
All items less shelter	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
All items less homeowners' costs	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
All items less medical care	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Commodities less food	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Non-durable less food	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Non-durable less food and apparel	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Non-durable	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Services less rent of shelter	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Services less medical care services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Energy	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
All items less energy	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
All items less food and energy	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Commodities less food and energy	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Commodities	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Energy commodities	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3
Services less energy services	136.0	136.2	136.4	136.6	136.8	136.9	137.0	137.1	137.2	137.3

1/ Not seasonally adjusted.
Index on a December 1984=100 base.
Data not available.

NOTE: Index applies to a month as a whole, not to any specific date.

Table 6. Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers: Selected areas, all items index (1982-84=100, unless otherwise noted)

CPI-W Area	Pricing schedule 1/	Indexes				Percent change to Apr. 1993 from-			Percent change to Mar. 1993 from-		
		Jan. 1993	Feb. 1993	Mar. 1993	Apr. 1993	Apr. 1992	Feb. 1993	Mar. 1993	Mar. 1992	Jan. 1993	Feb. 1993
U.S. city average	M	140.3	140.7	141.1	141.6	3.1	0.6	0.4	3.0	0.6	0.3
Region and area size 2/											
Northeast urban	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Size A - More than 1,300,000	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Size B - 500,000 to 1,300,000	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
North Central urban	M	133.4	133.5	133.6	133.7	3.2	0.9	0.1	3.5	1.1	0.8
Size A - More than 1,300,000	M	133.4	133.5	133.6	133.7	3.2	0.9	0.1	3.5	1.1	0.8
Size B - 500,000 to 1,300,000	M	133.4	133.5	133.6	133.7	3.2	0.9	0.1	3.5	1.1	0.8
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	133.4	133.5	133.6	133.7	3.2	0.9	0.1	3.5	1.1	0.8
South urban	M	132.3	132.7	133.8	133.9	3.2	0.9	0.1	3.5	1.1	0.8
Size A - More than 1,300,000	M	132.3	132.7	133.8	133.9	3.2	0.9	0.1	3.5	1.1	0.8
Size B - 500,000 to 1,300,000	M	132.3	132.7	133.8	133.9	3.2	0.9	0.1	3.5	1.1	0.8
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	132.3	132.7	133.8	133.9	3.2	0.9	0.1	3.5	1.1	0.8
West urban	M	136.6	136.8	137.0	137.8	2.7	0.7	0.6	2.5	0.3	1.0
Size A - More than 1,300,000	M	136.6	136.8	137.0	137.8	2.7	0.7	0.6	2.5	0.3	1.0
Size B - 500,000 to 1,300,000	M	136.6	136.8	137.0	137.8	2.7	0.7	0.6	2.5	0.3	1.0
Size C - 50,000 to 500,000	M	136.6	136.8	137.0	137.8	2.7	0.7	0.6	2.5	0.3	1.0
Size classes											
A 3/	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
B	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
C	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Selected local areas											
Chicago-Gary-Lake County, IL-IN-WI	M	138.9	139.0	139.0	139.0	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Los Angeles-Anaheim-Riverside, CA	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
N.Y.-Northern N.J.-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Phil.-Wilmington-Trenton, PA-NJ-DE-MD	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
San Francisco-Oakland-San Jose, CA	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Baltimore, MD	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Boston-Laurence-Salem, MA-NH	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Miami-Fort Lauderdale, FL	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
St. Louis-East St. Louis, MO-IL	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Washington, DC-MD-VA	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Detroit-Ann Arbor, MI	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Houston-Galveston-Grangeria, TX	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1
Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley, PA	M	147.7	147.8	147.8	147.8	1.1	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.1	0.1

1/ Foods, fuels, and several other items priced every month in all areas; most other goods and services priced as indicated:

M - Every month.

1 - January, March, May, July, September, and November.

2 - February, April, June, August, October, and December.

2/ Regions defined as the four Census regions. See map in technical notes.

Indexes on a December 1982=100 base.

Data not available.

NOTE: Local area CPI indexes are byproducts of the national CPI program. Each local index has a smaller sample size than the national index and is, therefore, subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error. As a result, local area indexes show greater volatility than the national index, although their long-term trends are similar. Therefore, the Bureau of Labor Statistics strongly urges users to consider adopting the national average CPI for use in their escalator clauses.

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